

GIVEN HELP TO BASKET FUND?

Provident Association Making Success of Plan For Christmas Gifts.

PLAN FOR SYSTEMATIC GIVING

How much have you given to the Provident Association to help make the Christians season a brighter one for some family? Have you done your part to make a few stomachs full, more bodies warm and more hearts cheerful on Christmas day?

Everyone should do his or her part in this great work to help the needy poor of the city. Poverty, hunger, cold and disease are prevalent in many homes in this city. Fighting against lack of money and insufficient help from those who are able to give, the workers at the Provident Association are helpless against the great odds confronting them and the great numbers they must help who cannot help themselves. They need the help of every man and woman in the city. Even the children have helped a great deal and will do more send today or any time a check or contribution of any kind to the association headquarters at 415 West Grand avenue or phone Walnut 2083.

Contributions are fairly good now and have been for several days, but they are not what they should be, say those in charge of the work. If every one could get the spirit of the season as some have, all would be well. The contributions have come in fairly good numbers. Many checks were received this morning and clothes and food were coming in at the store room almost constantly. The one fact that is incomprehensible to charity workers is that the subscriptions come as a rule from employes of the business houses.

Little Children Are Helping.

In several cases little children have turned in money.

The Basket Fund plan of the Provident Association is meeting with much favor all over the city. By this plan those who are to receive the Christmas baskets will share according to their needs, whereas if the help was distributed without any system some of the needy would get a large amount and others would get nothing.

Under the present plan the lists will be made up by competent persons and there will be no duplications. The baskets will be distributed the day before Christmas and along with them will be sent clothing, shoes and such other articles as are needed by the poor families.

A contribution that helped and was done through sheer good fellowship came to the notice of the association yesterday. An unknown man who refused to give his name called the association to learn the whereabouts of any two boys who needed help. He was directed to two little boys, brothers, who were scantly clad, without even proper underwear or shoes.

Help From a Big Brother.

The "big brother" took the little fellows to a clothing store and fitted them out from underwear to overcoats.

It is this style of giving that counts. No one knows who the man is. Not even the boys know their benefactor, and yet the outfit for the two young stars amounts to a considerable amount of money.

The acceptance of donations does not stop today, nor tomorrow, nor Christmas. It will have to be kept up without end, but right now is a time when it is needed the most. Contributions are deplorable now, and right at a season when the world should be the happiest. The chance is at hand now to make Christmas a happy one for someone to whom it would otherwise be merely one of the cold, hump days that they have always.

It is being demonstrated that the liberality of the people of the city is unbounded. They are glad to contribute to the fund to provide baskets for Christmas and through giving in that way they get an insight into the work that is being done by the Provident Association. It is expected that the contributions for the poor, made through the Provident Association, will continue through the winter.

VERDICT FOR DEFENSE

Men Who Bought Gambling Fixtures in the Arlington Hotel Do Not Have to Pay in Jury's Verdict.

That a man cannot be compelled to pay for furniture used for gambling and known to be kept for that purpose is the substance of a verdict rendered by a jury in the superior court yesterday afternoon before Judge Oldfield. In the case under consideration P. W. Holden was suing D. M. Blunk and H. W. Malott for \$174.97 alleged to be due him for furniture sold to the defendants from the old Arlington Hotel in 1912 on installment payments which he claimed had never been paid.

The defense claimed that the place had been run as a gambling house and that the furniture was to be paid for out of the proceeds of such operation. The jury found for the defense, declaring that the furniture need not be paid for on such a contract.

In his instruction to the jury Judge Oldfield said: "It is unlawful under the laws of the state for any person to aid, abet or encourage operating or maintaining a gambling house. If you find from the evidence that said personal property consisted of gambling paraphernalia and if you further find that the plaintiff knew at the time of the sale that the furniture was intended by the defendants to be used for the purpose of conducting a gambling house, and that it was agreed that the furniture was to be paid for out of the proceeds of the gambling house, then your verdict must be for the defendant."

A clever swindle was prevented by the quick action of a paying teller of the State National Bank yesterday afternoon, when a veiled figure who was dressed as a woman walked up to the window and asked to have a \$400 check cashed. Something in the woman's walk made the teller suspicious and by a close scrutiny with the commission has indeed been good and the success of his ventures and money-making schemes for the fund have netted good returns.

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Mrs. Fred Sutton the newly elected secretary-treasurer of the Oklahoma Panama-Pacific Exposition commission has resigned and Mrs. Fred Sutton, prominent worker for the cause, was chosen as his successor.

Mr. Russell gives as his reasons for resigning the position that he has brought the affairs of the commission to a place where he can with honor step aside and turn the reins over to others, and that he is forced to do this because of business matters, which he would be forced to neglect in his duties to the commission. He asserts that he is still as enthusiastic over the work of the commission as he has always been and will lend his assistance at any time in any way to help make the Oklahoma exhibit a success.

Business matters were pressing some time ago, according to Russell, and he asked the commission to appoint a successor for him at that time, but this was refused. At that time money matters were in a bad shape and he felt that he could not resign, but now that he has placed the commission on a firm footing and made a good start upon the raising of funds, he believes that he has reached the point where he may quit with a good record. Mr. Russell's work with the commission has indeed been good and the success of his ventures and money-making schemes for the fund have netted good returns.

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Mrs. Fred Sutton the newly elected secretary-treasurer, is in every way qualified to take up the reins of the work. She is an experienced and competent public worker and has in her connection with the commission previous to Russell's resignation shown herself capable of carrying on the work.

Marriage licenses have been issued to E. C. Morton, 28, and Vail Schiffler, 21, Oklahoma City; N. E. McDonald, 25, Altus, and Ada L. Staf-

Octagon House, Where Treaty of Ghent Was Signed



This is the octagon house, Washington, occupied by President Madison 100 years ago when he signed the Treaty of Ghent, which was followed by 100 years of peace between the United States and Great Britain. In the last war with Great Britain the White House was burned and the president had to seek other quarters.

In the presence of delegates to the national convention of the American Federation of Architects, President Wilson will on December 2, the one-hundredth anniversary of the signing of the treaty, unveil a tablet commemorating the event. The old house was built in 1800 and was at the time President Madison occupied it one of the great mansions of the capital.

ECHOES OF THE STREETS

Dr. H. H. Hulten, pastor of the First Baptist church, has returned from Sedalia, Mo., where he has been for three weeks conducting a revival. The meeting was unusually successful, one hundred being added to the membership of the church. Dr. Hulten will preach his Christmas sermon at the First Baptist church tomorrow.

Young ladies will act as ushers at St. Luke's Methodist church Sunday evening when Dr. Robert E. Goswick, the pastor, will deliver a sermon in the interest of the Women's Federation. The subject will be "Women and the Ways of the World."

The Rev. H. E. Van Horn, pastor of the First Christian church will deliver an address to men only, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the city police court room. The talk will be under the auspices of the Gospel team.

The tickets for the big dollar banquet January 8 are selling fast, according to Elmer E. Brown, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. "We just got an order for a lot of them in this morning's mail," said Mr. Brown. Arrangements are being made to show special attention to out-of-town visitors. Their tickets will be of a different color so that they will be recognized as strangers at the door and special courtesy will be shown to make all feel at home." Tickets will be ordered before coming, Mr. Brown said, in order to insure a place.

The Monday Night Bible classes will meet at the Y. W. C. A. as usual at 7 o'clock, the classes being over in time for the Christmas tree.

C. W. McKeegan, secretary to State Fire Marshall C. C. Hammond, was called to Hugo to make an investigation of a fire which destroyed the compress plant of the Trans-Continental Commerce company of Paris, Tex. Some 1200 bales of cotton were also destroyed entailing a total loss of about \$125,000. Two other large warehouses, each containing about 1,000 bales, were saved from the fire. It is understood the property of the compress company was insured.

The Colbath Heights School girls' club met Friday afternoon. The program included a paper by Mrs. A. D. Taylor on "Christmas Spirit in Daily Living." The pupils of the fourth grade of Miss E. B. Brock gave a song. Master George Cash rendered an instrumental solo. Mrs. E. R. Ogden closed the program with a talk on "Consideration for the Feelings of Others."

Contributions for the poor of the city have been received by the Provident Association in large quantities recently and the donations of food and clothing made today has materially helped the increasing supply which will be distributed the day before Christmas. The Provident association workers are busy all hours of the day listing the donations.

Secretary of State Ben F. Harrison today granted the following charters: Miami Capitalized Mining company of Miami, capitalized \$50,000; incorporators W. H. Trapp, Alex Findlay, Miami; S. Dickinson, Larned; Kans.; A. W. Thurman, Joplin, Mo.; Lykes-Freeman Hardware company of Oklahoma City, capital \$10,000; incorporators, J. V. Lykes, H. E. Freeman, Oklahoma-Panama Expedition Tent City company of Kingfisher, capital, \$50,000; incorporators, J. A. Overstreet, E. S. McCabe, Job Ingram, J. S. Patrick, William G. Newer, Kingfisher.

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Women score muddy crossings if their hose will pass inspection.

Occasionally the preacher's aim is inaccurate, and his sermon hits you.

TRIBUTE PAID TO NEWSPAPERS

Loyalty to City and State Is Commented Upon By Postmaster Eastman.

A high tribute was paid to the loyalty of the newspapers of Oklahoma City by Postmaster H. G. Eastman in an address prepared by him for delivery at the chamber of commerce banquet yesterday, but which, with several other speeches that were on the program, was barred out by limitation of time.

"Let me also pay tribute to the magnificent conduct of the press of Oklahoma City during these years of depression," says the address. "With families moving away, entailing tremendous losses in circulation departments, with business houses restricting their advertising, some business houses discontinuing entirely, the newspapers of this city have kept continuously publishing good things of our city and state, holding up their standard of excellence, even when operating at a loss, being diligent in their search to find optimistic features that were true, and thereby carrying glad tidings to the outside world. Their work has been of inestimable value to Oklahoma City, and now that prosperity has returned, I bespeak for them the gratitude of our entire citizenship and such financial support as is consistent with same business policy."

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Young Women's Christian Association Will Have Afternoon Service of Interest to All Members.

The program at the Y. W. C. A. Sunday promises to be unusually interesting. The musical part has been planned by Miss Minnie Federman and will include some of the city's best talent.

"We are indebted," said Miss Kate Lester, secretary of the association, "to the children's choir of St. Luke's Methodist church for several numbers."

The program will be opening hymn,

congregation, Carol, children's choir.

Mixed quartet, "Holy Night," Adrienne, Violin solo, Mrs. Robert Holtzschue, Song, children's choir, Christmas Story, Mrs. J. A. Woodruff, Solo, "Birthday of King," Mrs. Edwin Valle McIntyre, Male quartette, "Christians Ever," Gruber, Carol, children's choir.

Closing hymn, congregation.

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